

# Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

## July 16, 2020

The Advisory Council met on Thursday, July 16, 2020. Members attending were: William Bowers; member; Mark Verbsky, member; Marco Deshaies; member, Tracey Phelps; member, James Gellner; member and Tom Jedlinsky; member. Ohio EPA staff in attendance were Andrew Barienbrock, Vanessa Consolo, and Pete Simcic.

At 9:04 AM, the Advisory Council meeting was called to order virtually through the Microsoft Teams Platform.

After review of the council minutes for June 18, 2020, William Bowers made a motion to approve the minutes. Marco Deshaies seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Anne Fischbein introduced Pete Simcic from Ohio EPA's Office of Legal Services who will be serving as the Council's Attorney.

### 1) Class IV, Examinations (In review)

#### Water

NAME, LOCATION	MV	WB	VA	TJ	MD	TP	JG	CM
Michael D. Long – Clermont County Water Resources Department, 3 <sup>rd</sup> submittal	<b>**S</b>	**		**		**		

\*\* assigned to review    **x** reviewed package

**s** summary    **m** mailed

#### Wastewater

NAME, LOCATION	MV	WB	VA	TJ	MD	TP	JG	CM
Eric Tanko- NEORSD, Westerly WWTC, 1st submittal	**	**			<b>**S</b>			**
Richard (Randy) Davis - Clermont County Water Resources, 1 <sup>st</sup> submittal				**	**	<b>**S</b>		**

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## 2) Class IV Actions

### Water

NAME, EMPLOYER, SUBMITTAL	ACTION
No Water exams were reviewed.	

### Wastewater

NAME, EMPLOYER, SUBMITTAL	ACTION
Cory Smith - Delaware County, 2 <sup>nd</sup> submittal	Recommend Approval
Ernest Shafer - City of Perrysburg, 2 <sup>nd</sup> submittal	Recommend Approval
Adam Rotondo - City of Kent, 1 <sup>st</sup> submittal	Recommend Return
James Sprosty - Medina County, 3 <sup>rd</sup> submittal	Recommend Approval
Paul Joseph – City of Youngstown, 2 <sup>nd</sup> submittal	Recommend Return

Mark Verbsky made a motion to pass Cory Smith and Ernest Shaffer and return Adam Rotondo and Paul Joseph. William Bowers seconded the motion. James Gellner abstained. Motion carried.

Mark Verbsky made a motion to pass James Sprosty pending CarrieAnne McConnel's review. Marco Deshaies seconded the motion. James Gellner and Tracey Phelps abstained. Motion carried.

## 3) Extensions

Brent Smith requested an extension for his second submittal that is due October 1, 2020. He had not previously requested an extension for this submittal.

Shawn Kirkbride requested a second extension on time to submit his Class IV which is due August 31, 2020, due to sickness within his immediate family.

Mark Verbsky made a motion recommended granting six-month extensions to each. Marco Deshaies seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## 4) Reciprocity

Michael Mangold from Kansas requested reciprocity. Kansas responded to Ohio's request for information and indicated they were unwilling to share a representative examination.

Tom Jedlinsky made a motion to recommend denial of reciprocity. William Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## 5) Certifications Issued

29 Third Party Exam, Ohio EPA, Reciprocity and Operator-in-Training (OIT) applications were approved between June 16, 2020 and July 18. Certificates were issued to:

First Name	Middle	Last Name	Type	Class
Rudy	J	Ackerman	Water Distribution	2
Rebecca	A	Ball Below	Water Supply	1
Jerome	J	Blum, II	Water Supply	2
Josiah	M	Butler	Wastewater Treatment	2
Taylor		Counterman	Water Supply	1
David		Daniel	Water Supply	3
Casey	J	Davisson	Wastewater Treatment	1
Steven	O	Donatelli	Wastewater Treatment	1
Joel	G	Durkee	Wastewater Treatment	1
Matthew	C	Griggs	Water Distribution	2
Matthew	C	Griggs	Wastewater Collection	2
Gary	L	Grismer	Wastewater Treatment	1
Michael	I	Karmel	Water Supply	1
Jeff		Kish	Water Distribution	1
Thomas		Knapik	Wastewater Collection	1
Gene	P	Kurzen	Water Distribution	1
Gene	P	Kurzen	Wastewater Collection	1
Daniel	P	Medvetz	Wastewater Treatment	1
Travis	A	Pitts	Wastewater Treatment	4
Corey	W	Schultz	Water Distribution	1
Doug	A	Shaulis	Wastewater Treatment	A
Clay	M	Smalley	Water Distribution	1
Benjamin	G	Smith	Wastewater Treatment	2
Brant		Theado	Water Supply	2
Geoffry	S	Warner	Wastewater Treatment	2
Eric	C	Wenzinger	Water Supply	2
Michael	P	Westbeld	Water Distribution	1
Jacob	M	Wukie	Water Supply	3
Ronald	S	Zude	Water Supply	3

## 6) Other Business

Between the June 18, 2020, 2020 and July 16, 2020 Council meetings, one Class IV application has been approved for Cheri Woody (Greater Cincinnati Water Works, WS).

According to Ohio EPA's records, ABC gave 84 Ohio Water and Wastewater exams in June 2020.

The Council discussed replacement of Verna Arnette for the vacant water supply position.

The Council discussed setting up a virtual "Demystifying the Class IV presentation.

At 9:34 AM, Tom Jedlinsky, made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the investigation of charges or complaints against licensees or regulated individuals. Mark Verbsky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 9:41 AM Tom Jedlinsky made a motion move out of executive session. William Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 9:48 AM Mark Verbsky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marco Deshaies seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next Council meeting is scheduled to occur on August 19, 2020.

**Council Approved:** August 19, 2020